

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~N-8082~~ CH-838

Address: 9325 Old Stagecoach Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Norris, Philip N and Mary R

Tax Parcel Number: 56 Tax Map Number: 44

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no ___ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The farm complex at 9325 Old Stagecoach Road comprises a single family dwelling and a two barns. The dwelling is one-and-one-half stories in height and has a front gable roof. The wood frame house is three bays wide with a one-bay wing extending to the east. The wing is set back from the façade (north) of the house. A one-story, three bay wide, enclosed porch with a half-hipped roof is located on the main elevation. The two interior chimneys rise above the standing seam metal roof. The house is clad with horizontal siding. The barns are located beyond the house to the south. The first structure is a large two-story, front gable roof barn. The second, is a one-and-one-half-story barn with a side gable roof with a shed roof extension on the primary elevation (north). Both barns are clad with vertical wood siding and have corrugated metal roofs.

Charles County was still primarily rural in the first decades of the 20th century. By the 1930's, La Plata began to grow significantly because of the development of Crain Highway. Non-agricultural business began to increase around La Plata and the county seat's position within Charles County became economically more diverse. Development, including housing, increased as a result of Crain Highway and the influx of new businesses and investment into the

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Reviewer, NR Program	Date

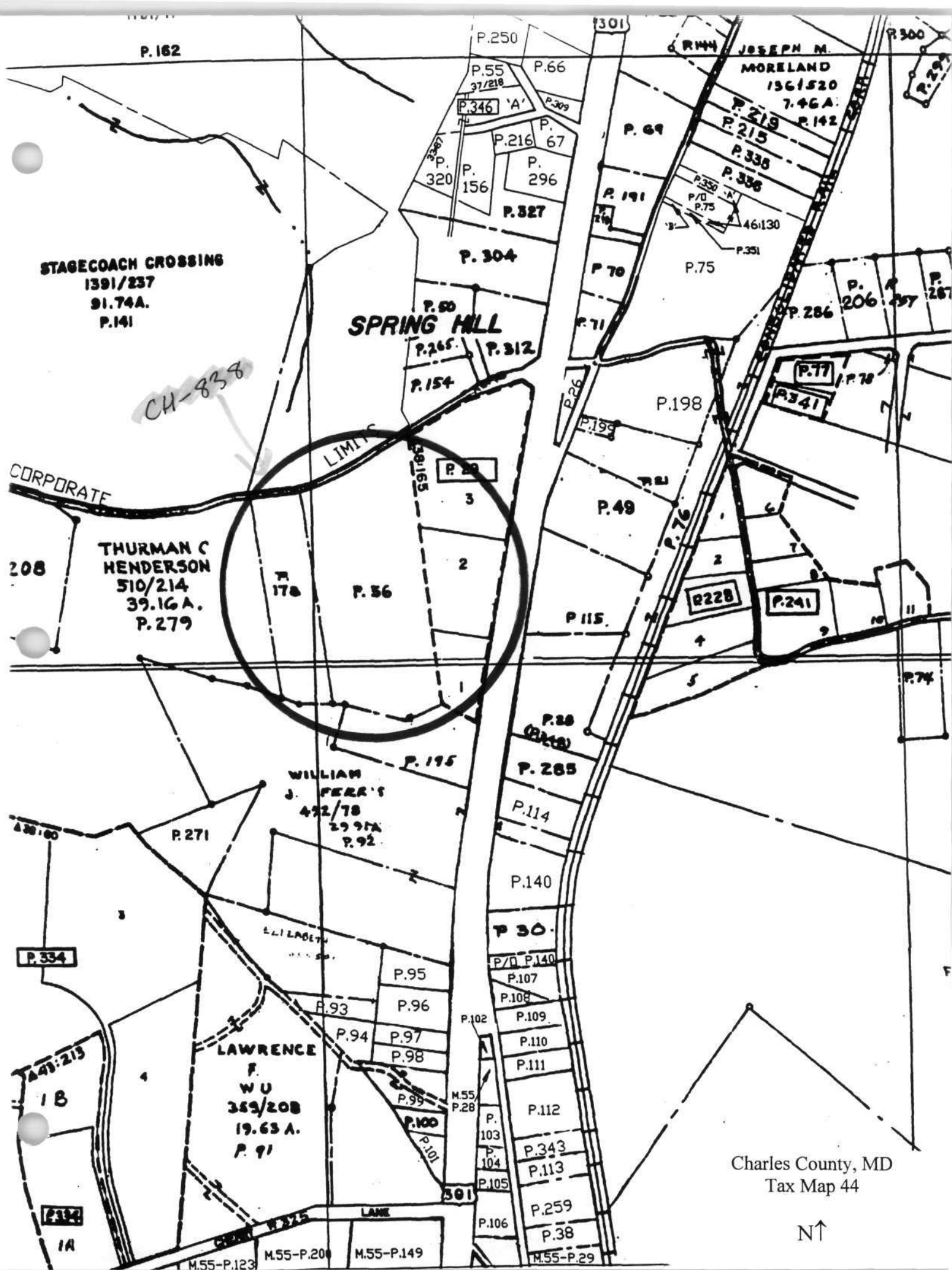
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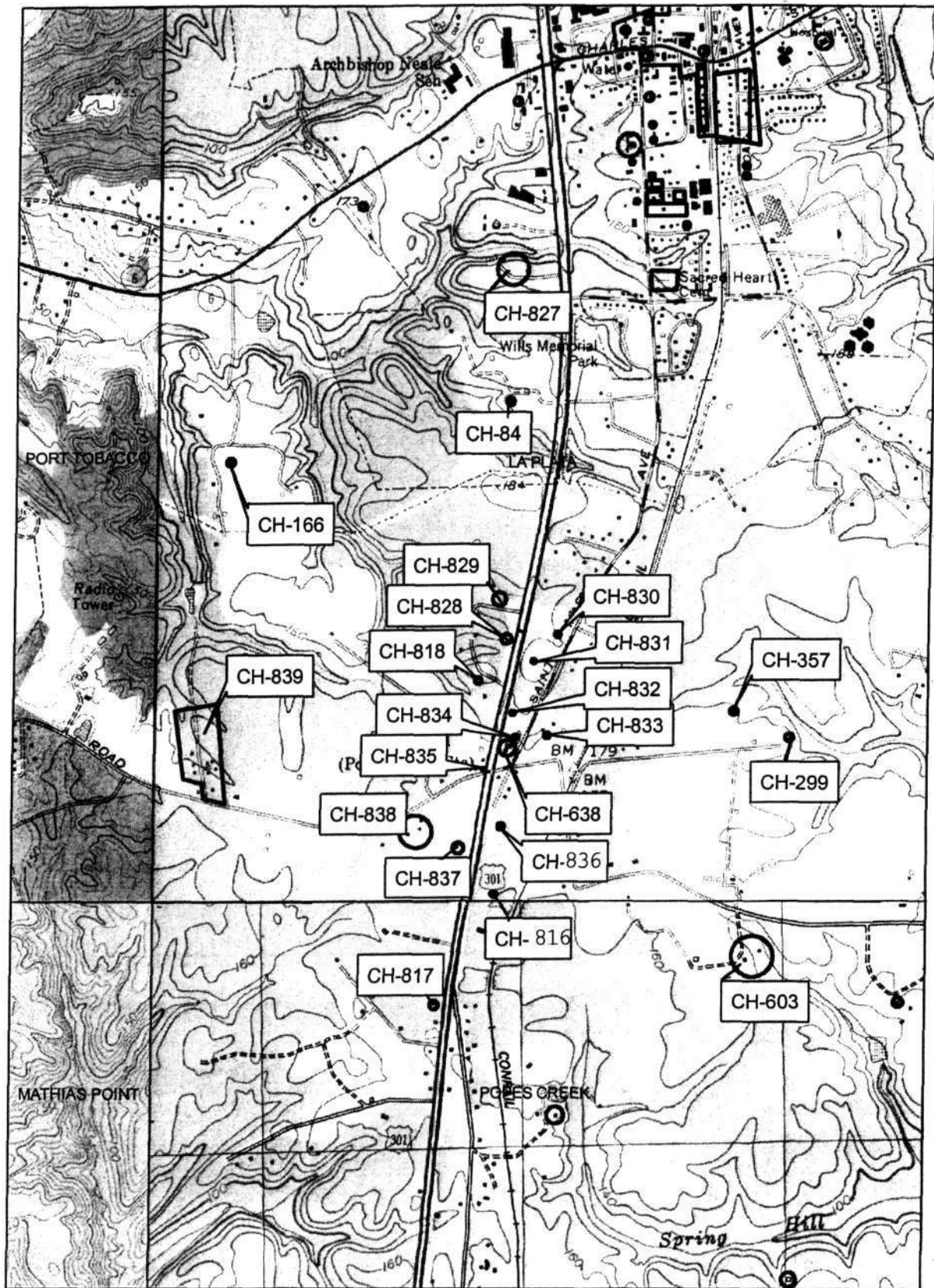
area.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of La Plata. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. The Robert Crain Highway was completed in 1927 and it provided the most direct way to Baltimore and points north of Charles County. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s. With the introduction of the Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, Crain Highway, now known as U.S. 301, was transformed from a local road into a bypass for traffic traveling between Florida and New York.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s.

Built circa 1920, this farm complex is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential and agricultural development surrounding La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.







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View of north elevation

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View looking South

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